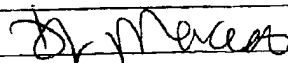


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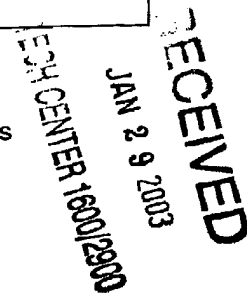
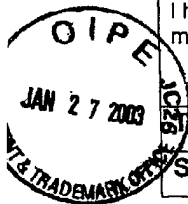
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In response to the FINAL REJECTION dated June 19, 2002, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Twice Amended) A method of identifying the presence of at least one analyte in a sample, said method comprising:
 - (a) contacting said sample with a population of tagged affinity ligands under conditions sufficient to produce at least one analyte/tagged affinity ligand complex;
 - (b) contacting said at least one analyte/tagged affinity ligand complex produced in step (a) with an array of tag complements under hybridization conditions to produce at least one surface bound hybridization complex;
 - (c) detecting the presence and location of said at least one surface bound hybridization complex; and
 - (d) identifying the presence of said at least one analyte in said sample from said detected presence and location of said at least one surface bound hybridization complex.
7. (Once Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein any tag employed in said assay has a level of cross-hybridization that does not exceed about 10%.



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